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# 1951 YEARBOOK SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN WILL CLOSE FEBRUARY 24th



## Fifteen ROTC Graduates Receive Reserve Commissions

January 30, 1951, marked the creditable completion of eight semesters of military science, that brought a long sought goal in to the very hands of 15 mid-year graduates of the college and a dream into a reality. This goal and this dream were the second lieutenant commission in the Infantry, United States Army Reserve, that these 15 received. The 15 stood with deep sincerity and proud accomplishment clearly written on every face as the solemn oaths of office were administered by Captain Roy Burley, assistant professor of military science and tactics and adjutant of the local ROTC group. The commissions, the end of that dream, the goal toward which all had so diligently and earnestly worked for, were presented by Dr. E. B. Evans, president of the college and Lt. Col. Hyman Y. Chase, professor of military science and tactics.

The new officers commissioned were Second Lieutenants Walter D. Alexander of Flynn, Texas; Wheeler Z. Barret, Longview, Texas; Harry Bilton, Flatonia, Texas; Johnnie Boston, Crockett, Texas; James T. Bradley, Corpus Christi, Texas; Robert V. Cole, Dallas, Texas; Elsworth Drummer, San Antonio; Alfred P. Jones, Big

Sandy, Texas; Eugene King, Blanchard, Texas; Arthur B. McDonald, Jacksonville, Florida; Booker T. Morris, Cuero, Texas; Freddie Lee Outley, Houston, Texas; John W. Pruitt, Crockett, Texas, and Albert Walker, Jr., Chickasha, Oklahoma.

## British Consul-General To Speak February 21

J. Thyne Henderson, Consul-General of the Houston British Consulate will visit the campus on February 21.

Mr. Henderson is scheduled to address a special group on the "Atlantic Pact and Atlantic Union," in a session planned for 7 o'clock in the Administration Auditorium.

Students of the departments of history, political science and sociology will sponsor the appearance.

The consul-general will stop at Prairie View as a part of an extensive tour of various educational centers in Texas.

He has been responsible for the appearance of other British representatives to the campus including Mr. J. K. Thompson of Washington, who addressed the student body last fall.

## College Defense Facilities Surveyed

Facilities of the nation's colleges and universities, which they can use to serve the needs of the armed services and the Federal Government for purposes of national defense, are being inventoried by the Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, Earl James McGrath, U.S. Commissioner of Education, announced.

"This inventory will bring together for the first time from institutions of higher education throughout the United States types of information required by the Department of Defense and by other agencies of government responsible for defense and security at the national level," said Commissioner McGrath.

Shortly after the National Security Resources Board designated the Office of Education "as the focal point within the Federal Government for all planning in the educational area" during the emergency, colleges and universities were alerted by the office as to types of information which might be requested for use at a later date. The inventory now being initiated, therefore, will reflect planning and action locally and nationally over a considerable period of time.

The inventory of college and university facilities by the Office of Education will assemble information needed by the Army, Navy, and Air Force of the Department of Defense, and by civilian agencies of the Federal Government which have a major responsibility for defense activities including the National Security Resources Board, Department of State, Department of the Interior, Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Department of Labor, Library of Congress, Public Health Service of the Federal Security Agency, Central Intelligence Agency, and the Atomic Energy Commission.

Among the educational organizations which have participated in the planning of the inventory are the American Council on Education, Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities, Association of American Colleges, American Association of University Professors, American Association of Junior Colleges, the Division of Higher Education of the National Education Association, National Conference for Mobilization of Education, Lutheran Council on Higher Education, and the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

## CASH DEPOSIT OF \$1.00 REQUIRED—FINAL DEADLINE FEBRUARY 24 "Subscription Dance" Will Close Drive—Admission by Annual Receipt

This week is "Annual" week. "As a matter of fact all copy and all pictures must be in the hands of the printer—and all subscriptions must be in the office not later than February 24." Clarence Miller, Editor in Chief of the 1951 Panther announced.

This means that if YOU want a copy of the yearbook which will be ready for distribution around commencement time, you must pay a minimum of \$1.00 deposit on a subscription on or before February 24. If you want an individual picture, or if your group wants to be represented—these pictures and Copy must also be in the Panther office, room B6 administration building, on this same date.

Students and faculty members are urged to co-operate in this effort to adequately support the Annual Student Publication. The Yearbook will contain a good selection of pictures of all activities over the school year. It is the effort of the staff to include everyone and everything in this volume, and its 175 pages promise to be worth every penny of its \$3.75 subscription price.

The student lounge of the Recreation Center has been reserved for subscription sales and the staff promises to have plenty good music and pretty co-eds on hand to make purchasing just as pleasant as possible. A "subscription wind up dance" is in the planning stage which will be open for all persons holding an annual subscription receipt. The dance if permitted to materialize will be held in the gymnasium.

The schedule of payments for the Annual was submitted as follows:

\$1.00 initial down payment, due not later than February 24.

1.00 additional payment, due March 10.

1.75 Balance, due upon receipt of yearbook.

## The Prairie View

# PANTHER

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## Departments Observe Negro History Week

Exhibits, displays and special programs will mark the observance of Negro History Week in many of the departments of the college during the period from March 11 through 17.

The library will lead the parade of activities in an extra special exhibit of faculty works, which will include books, major contributions to journals and periodicals, art and many other fields of achievement. The library will also sponsor programs and present displays which will highlight the Negro History Week celebration.

The history, sociology and music departments will present special programs pointing up Negro contributions, while all classes are expected to give attention to the celebration in some type of activity.

## Construction Begins on Boys' Dormitory

A group of awe-stricken, starry-eyed young men stood watching a small group of workers begin to lay out stakes for the foundation of the boy's new dormitory, Monday, February 5.

The young men were facing the Robert Brooks trailer area and to their backs were the quarter-century-old Foster and Woodruff Halls. Three eras of Prairie View's history were represented here. Foster and Woodruff stood as proud representatives of the early-day struggles of the college. The Robert Brooks trailer areas stood as a reminder of those happy, but priority bound days after the war, when the attendance pushed to an all time high.

In front of the fellows the workers were laying the foundation for a building that symbolizes P. V.'s new progressive era, a building that is to be the exact duplicate of the exquisite Suarez Hall for Girls, a building that is just a segment in the over-all plan for improvement and enlargement of the physical plant, but means indirectly so much to the group of young men watching. Better grades, a deeper appreciation for Prairie View, increased school spirit are just a few of the things that will be an indirect result of this progress.

The building is scheduled for completion by the beginning of the next fall term.



SUAREZ HALL . . . first picture of the recently occupied dormitory for women. The \$350,000 structure is modern and first-class in every detail. It houses 247 senior co-eds, with excellent facilities for recreation and social entertainment. It is named for the late Miss Mary Suarez, Dean of Women at the college for many years, and idolized by thousands of young women who have called Prairie View their home. The boys' new dormitory is to be an exact duplicate of this building.



# EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

## REPETITION

When in a melancholy state of mind it is quite easy for one's mind to dwell on the question of faith in humanity. The old man says that it is only natural for a young man to be disgusted with this most faulty world, but soon he will accept his position in it, and possibly indulge in some of the same practices which he once considered as unforgiveable sins. Evidently that conception is one-hundred per cent right, for the world is constantly drifting into a less stable state. Who knows, even as you are reading this, or as you study tonight, or play tomorrow, death and destruction could come without warning. (Boo).

Some people say eat, drink, and be merry, for soon it may happen. I hardly think that is the correct approach to the problem. Any man who lives in a situation and never does anything to better his condition and thus improve the situation, is an individual without integrity.

In the event that you are among the small minority that is doing something, or has done something to improve mar and his hazardous state of being, you have or soon will find out that the very man you are trying to help out will cut your throat if given the slightest opportunity.

Think of our great American leaders, who are dynamic expounders of democracy. They are taking tremendous strides to halt the surge of communism and facilitate the spread of our supposedly semi-utopian democracy. Maybe you heard of the Negro (and in this case racial reference is necessary in order to convey the point) who was being beaten by five white men, all of which was called to the attention of several policemen (upholders of law and order standing within hearing and seeing distance), and they said, "We have no orders, go and get a warrant." Finally, the beaters and the beaten were arrested and locked in the same cell by mistake (no doubt about that). The beaters were let out on ten dollar bails and the beaten on twenty dollar bail; justice. In the end the beaters were freed and the beaten was charged twenty-five dollars for "disturbing the peace," justice again. All of this happened in one of our large northern cities. Our gallant soldiers are over in Korea fighting to keep the Communists from mistreating the Koreans.

Alas, and one could talk endlessly citing such examples. but what do we propose to do as tomorrow's leaders, if there is a tomorrow? Maybe we should go back to the method our forefathers used; faith in God, and in Him only. Humanity as such has proven unworthy of our faith, and history repeats itself until it is ended.

## PASSING AND FAILING

There are many times during the course of an individual's life that people ask: "Did he pass?" Some of these times the people are actually sincere when they ask this question and have no idea or premonition of what the reply will be. There are those people who "have an idea" of what the reply will be and are secretly proud if their idea is right.

Passing has become very popular in America today; the word symbolizes a great deal. Everyone would like to be able to answer affirmatively to that question when it is related to the everyday problems of life. This is evidenced by the fact that an old lady, tearfully, said to another, "My son Johnny has gone to the army. The listener replied "Well, don't feel so badly, I hope he doesn't pass." At this the old lady exclaimed: "No! No! I want him to pass, Johnny must pass—I guess I just don't want him to go to the war." The importance of passing is again noted by the college student who said that he wanted to go home and never come back to college again, but when his pal said to him, "Your old man isn't going to let you come home—the best thing you can do is fail in nearly all of your subjects and they will send you." At this the student looked at his pal and said: "I'll never get to go home then because I don't want people to say that I didn't pass."

## THE PRAIRIE VIEW PANTHER

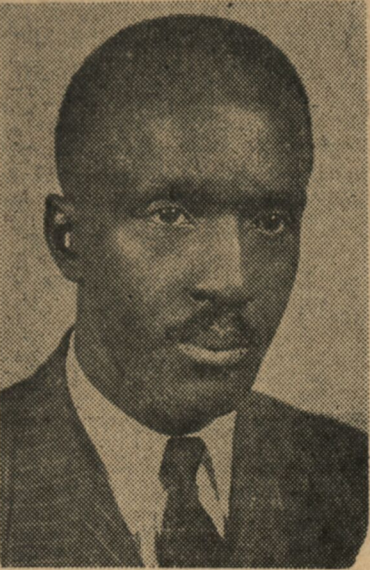
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Rev. Lee C. Phillips spoke at the Southwest Regional Y.M.C.A. - Y.W.C.A. Faculty Conference on Religion in higher education, held at the University of Oklahmoa on February 3-4.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



San Diego, California  
Editor, The Panther  
Prairie View A&M,  
College, Texas  
Dear Editor:

After receiving and reading avidly the "Panther," I find my thoughts turning toward my Alma Mater—Prairie View.

It makes me feel real proud to see the wonderful accomplishments that you and the staff are undertaking.

Vicariously am I there with you, although there's a lot that I'm missing, I still feel that "P. V. Spirit!"

Here on my ship the "Panther" has found many eyes of which it has captured, everyone seems to enjoy its instigations of bliss.

I personally think that you and the staff deserve august approval of your accomplishments.  
Congratulations.

Yours truly,  
James W. Geyen  
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## BLISS

I  
A wave of happiness flows  
Gently through my humble  
soul,  
My heart within me knows,  
That now, I'm completely  
whole.

II  
The tender emotion caresses me  
With soothing, comforting,  
fingers,  
Setting my anguished being  
free  
So that sadness no longer  
lingers.

III  
Gratefully I accept this token,  
Of good will and pure emo-  
tion,  
That serves to hearts that are  
broken  
Contentment, in the form of  
devotion.

Nathaniel Cokes.

## Senior Sunday School Class Plans Trip

The senior class of the senior department plans to take its annual trip to Monterrey, Mexico. This is the same place that the class chose last year. The trip was so enjoyable until the class decided unanimously in favor of this site.

### THE HAPPENINGS

(Social Jive)

TIME SPENT; EARS BENT  
THOUGHTS ARISING — FOLKS SUR-  
MISING  
SHOULD BE NOTED — WE SAY  
SO BRING IT IN TO US TODAY

For general information let it be known that Rambler is making a first appearance — I have a policy of writing only facts and not gossip — mainly because I fear the possibility of being sued for libel, shockingly there is such a thing you know! Of course I make it my business in a very nonchalant manner to seek the "who-would-have-thought-it" affairs — so be careful for I am the sheik of the night and the regulator of the day!

L. Talley, snap out of it — things are never as bad as they seem. Hey Valesta, Pruitt and Kemp is a nice combination. Have you ever read the book, "When Mother Comes Marching Home?" It's interesting. C. Tigner, why don't you settle down. Is it "Galveston" again? H. Childress, did you enjoy sliding in the snow—with "Pine" that is?? A. Gaskin is your ring significant or just cos-

tume jewelry — seems like you ought to let K. Lewis know — 'taint funny McGee! H. Raibe, are you still waiting for "Miss Right" to come along? S. Smith, my, but you can freeze! F. McDade, old memories were revived when F. Pierson visited the campus Sunday, huh? W. Livingston, I'm hoping your carnation will be a success with no more postponements. Charles Columbus you and your most noticeable aloofness make an intriguing picture' A. Hall, cheer up, UNKE issues furloughs, you know. R. Dillon, have you answered that thick special delivery from Southern, yet? M. Carreathers, do you believe in the old adage "everyone for him-self and God for us all"? E. Williams, did you enroll in cooking? I hope I haven't revealed anything that you would not reveal yourself.

## YE OLDE CRYSTAL BALL

INFORMATION WHICH ALL NEW STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW  
By T. Coolington Supercoole

Attention: All new students—study this article diligently and become well versed in how to conduct yourself on the campus.

Information: There are two deans of men and one dean of women. You are supposed to get somebody to show them to you and be on your best behavior when you are in seeing or hearing distance of them.

There are over 250 faculty members; if you have classes under them be very friendly and accommodating, if you don't, then just speak sometimes.

The "wreck" is where you buy ice cream, meet your girl or boy friend, take your hat off when entering, and go outside to smoke. The records on the juke box are all antique, so don't waste your time. The girls behind the counter are already taken.

The library is the place where every night you (note: the rest of this sentence was censored).

The college provided bunks for you to sleep in, instead of foamy mattresses because they are better for your posture.

You eat in the dining hall because you pay to eat there. You might as well know that they always open late and close early.

The fiscal office is robbery-proof.

The gymnasium is where they hold dances, chapel, basketball games, prayer meeting, gym classes and Sunday School.

You are expected to write your people whenever you need money, and only then.

Advice: Where you came from the word was "to be or not to be cool." Here the word is "to be super-cool or else." (Super-cool is to be cool below the freezing point without solidification). Don't try to be super-cool yet, just be conservative and meek until you reach the junior level, or have spent three years here. Try to make friends with the supereminent super-cool mo-wa-ens on the campus. If you are from a town other than Houston, Dallas, Beaumont, Tyler, or Fort Worth, then change your home town to one of the preceding as soon as possible. Your immediate ambition should be either an Olds 98 or Buick Riviera or Fleetwood.

Note to girls: If you are pretty you will very seldom need any money.

Note to boys: If you are home-ly-looking you will need money to buy steaks and malts in order to retain a girl.

Finally: After you have spent exactly 11 semesters (5½ years) you are supposed to go to the head of your department and find out how many hours you need in order to get a piece of sheepskin.

P.S. A pamphlet on other happenings will be sold behind the power plant each evening just after dark.

## Panther will Apply For TIPA Membership

The Howard Payne College Press Club voted "yes" this week to the question of allowing Negroes admission to the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association.

The Press Club, composed of staffs of the H. P. C. student publications, held a special meeting to vote on the issue at the request of Sul Ross College, 1951 state TIPA convention host.

The staff of the PANTHER has written a letter of application to the TIPA. The editors deemed that a membership in this group would be highly beneficial to the Panther itself directly and to the college itself. Aside from elevating the position of the Panther as a leader among southwest student newspapers, a membership in this group would trail blaze a path for other worthy Negro publications here in Texas. Technical journalistic points and experience along with journalistic prestige has been listed by the staff as the ultimate aim of the application.

## Former P. V. Student Now at Melharry Medical College

Now enrolled in Melharry Medical College, Tennessee, is Miss Francis V. Haynes, former student of Prairie View. Miss Haynes was on the honor roll the entire four semesters spent here. She was a biology major and completed a two-year course in that field in preparation for enrollment in medical school.

Miss Haynes is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Haynes of Fort Worth, Texas.



Miss Pantherette . . . . . Maxine Curvey



MAXINE CURVEY—Lover of Children

The most glamorous young lady who is our Miss Pantherette of this issue is Maxine Curvey. One of the daughters of seven children of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Curvey of Grapeland, Texas.

Maxine's vital statistics follows: she is 5 feet 5 inches tall weighs 135 pounds; bust 32 inches; waist 24 inches; hips 37 inches.

Maxine's most exciting moment—"On last year, when I was chosen from eight girls to represent Prairie View in the "Miss Kansas City Call" contest.

Maxine's most enjoyable moment—"Leaving for home during the Christmas holidays, my freshman year in Prairie View."

Because Maxine is a lover of children, she desires very much to become an instructor in an elementary school.

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"Y" HIGHLIGHTS

The "Y" once again has imitated a unique entertainment. Beginning February 16, voting will begin for the "Ugliest Man" Contest. The voting will extend throughout Friday and Saturday. This is the procedure: Every organization or club is asked to enter its candidate any time before the sixteenth, on which day the names will be made public. When the votes are counted and a King declared, carnations will await him. Each person may vote as often as he wishes—poll taxes are one cent (\$.01).

INFORMAL TEA GIVEN

The memory of the relaxation which came as a result of the daily teas which were given in the dormitories at Oberlin College during the examination week, prompted Mrs. Stickney to invite a small group of girls to her home to enjoy an informal tea on Wednesday 24th of January during their examination week.

The following young ladies who were present were music students of Mrs. Stickney or industry students of Mr. Stickney. They were Miss Mary Melton, Miss Joyace Presley, Miss Mittie Dow, Miss Mary Helen Mickens, Miss Flora Thomas, Mrs. Dorothy Sapenter, Miss Hazel Burnett, Miss Estella Kearney, Miss Audrey Gilford, Miss La Vera Darnell, Miss Vere Armie and Miss Willa Mae Clay.

P. V. Honored with Visit From Exchange Student

During the previous week Prairie View was honored with the presence of Mohammed Yunus, Director Kobul University, Kobul, Afghanistan.

Mohammed Yunus is an exchange student with the United States Office of Education and his country. He is here visiting the schools of engineering and agriculture. During five months in this country he has visited all the leading universities.

While visiting our campus Mohammed Yunus was guest speaker in one of the personal hygiene classes on "health and social conditions in Afghanistan."

His visit in the United States is scheduled to terminate in March.

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DRAMATIC CLUB

A thrilling three-act comedy was presented Monday night by the Charles Gilpin Players to an audience of about 500. The plot

Assignment of New Assistant PMS&T

Announcement is made of assignment of 1st Lt. Marshall B. Bass, Infantry, as Assistant PMS &T, Prairie View A&M College. The assignment was made by the Department of the Army, effective 20 December 1950. Lt. Bass reported for duty 15 January 1951, after being discharged from the Army Hospital, Fort Bragg, N. C.

Lt. Bass is a veteran of the action in Korea where he was wounded in September, 1950, after which he was evacuated to Japan and later to the United States. He is a Regular Army officer who entered service in 1945 and was commissioned in 1946. His prior service was with 1st Training Regiment, IRTC, Fort McClellan, Alabama, Commanding Officer Co. I, 24th Infantry Regiment in Japan, 1947-50; and 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington. The Lieutenant went to Korea with the famous 2nd "Indian Head" Division.

Lieutenant Bass wears the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Purple Heart, each of which was awarded to him in connection with the fighting in Korea.

was centered around a popular summer resort, a handsome young man whose initials were R. R., and the misconstruing of the gossip written in the "Town Tattler," a local newspaper whose editors were unknown.

The cast was composed of four veteran players; John Stewart, Reecie Marshall, Francis Gipson and Juanita Legginton. New comers were: Ermodyne Bigsby, Edithia Brigham, Aquila Nash, Clarence McFarland, Lonnie Bunkley and Jean Crawford. Co-sponsors of the play were: Miss L. Baird and Mr. C. B. Minor of the English department and Mr. M. Tolson, of the Romance language department.

The play, as was agreed by a majority of its audience, was a complete success.

The wise man delights in water, the good man delights in mountains. For the wise move; but the good stay still. The wise are happy: but the good, secure.—Confucius.

No one agrees with other people's opinions; they merely agree with their own opinions expressed by somebody else.—Sidney Thesmayne.

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## N.F.A. Tournament Scheduled for February 16, 17

The Annual NFA Basketball Tournament is scheduled for February 16-17. The usual representative attendance is expected to participate. The State Department of Vocational Agriculture conceived the idea several years ago that the sponsorship of this annual event would (1) stimulate more wholesome recreational activities in the rural communities; and (2) be a means of keeping numbers of youngsters in school who otherwise would drop out.

This year's tournament is expected to be one of the best yet, with each prospective teams having future college stars participating.



PANTHERS IN ACTION

### PANTHER TALK

Prairie View's basketball team, unsuccessful so far in conference competition, is calendared as a cage powerhouse for next year. The team is gaining valuable experience in working together. The Panthers, not the weakest team in the conference by far, has the potential power to come up and rank about fourth in the conference this season.

The main trouble seems to lie in the lack of that precise coordination necessary to win in this Southwest Conference. The players have been stellar in the fact that each player has been consistently striving to the utmost of his ability. Evidently the student body retains faith in the team as shown by their vociferous oral support and excellent attendance.

### SPORTS QUIZ

If you consider yourself an amateur sports authority, see if you can answer these questions.

- QUESTIONS**
1. Who was the winner of the basketball tournament held at Prairie View in the year of 1949? (a) Bishop, (b) Prairie View, (c) Tennessee State, (d) Lackland.
  2. Before Jimmie Stevens was head coach at Prairie View, he was coach at: (1) Kansas State, (2) Southern, (3) Bishop, (4) Notre Dame.
  3. Wilbert T. Mason is a former football great of: (a) Fisk, (b) Prairie View, (c) Langston.
  4. Prairie View's track team was the Southwest Conference Champions in 1949: True or False?
  5. Who is the greatest weight-lifter in the world at the present time?
  6. Who is rated as the greatest wrestler of all times?
  7. What is the longest wrestling match in record history?
  8. Who is the greatest female athlete in the U.S.?
  9. Who is "Mr. Basketball"?
  10. Who is noted as the greatest college basketball player?

#### ANSWERS

1. Bishop.
2. Bishop.
3. Prairie View.
4. False; Southern.
5. John Davis—U. S. A.
6. Dama Bux—Hindu India.
7. Nine hours, 28 minutes.
8. Mrs. Mildred "Babe" Zaharias.
9. George Mikkan, 6 ft. 10 in. center of the Minnesota Lakers.
10. Hank Lusselti, formerly of Stanford University.

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